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Honorable Julian Montgomery
State Highway Engineer
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

Opinion No. O-1950
Re: Registration of motor vehicles,
Article 6675a-2, Vernon's Re-
vised Civil Statutes of Texas.

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 7, 1940, in which you request the opinion of this department upon the following fact situation:

"Mr. H. H. Lawler, with his family, resides on a ranch in Kimble County and is engaged in the ranching business. In addition to this, he is the sole owner of the Alamo Freight Lines a system of common carrier truck lines operating throughout South and West Texas. Alamo Freight Lines is the trade name under which Mr. Lawler as an individual operates. The Alamo Freight Lines operate through a number of counties, including Kimble County, where it has a freight depot and pick-up and delivery station similar to that which is maintained in numerous other counties. The main office of the Alamo Freight Lines, where the records are kept, is located in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, and San Antonio is the main office of the Alamo Freight Lines.

"Will you please advise us where under Article 6675a, Revised Statutes, 1925, the motor vehicles owned by Mr. Lawler and operated by the Alamo Freight Lines must be registered."

That part of Article 6675a-2, Vernon's Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, which is pertinent to the question

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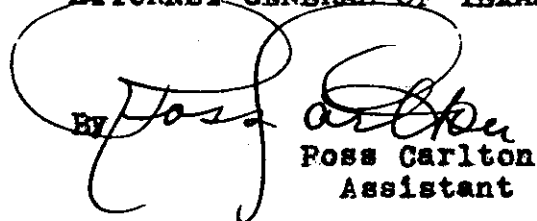
under consideration, reads as follows:

"Every owner of a motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer used or to be used upon the public highways of this State, and each chauffeur, shall apply each year to the State Highway Department through the county tax collector of the county in which he resides for the registration of each such vehicle owned or controlled by him, or for a chauffeur's license, for the ensuing or current calendar year or unexpired portion thereof. . . ."

It will be noted immediately that the present statute does not provide for the registration of motor vehicles in any county other than the county of residence of the owner. It is, therefore, the opinion of this department that Mr. Lawler, under the facts set forth in your letter, must register the vehicles operated by the "Alamo Freight Lines" in Kimble County, Texas.


Very truly yours

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

By  Ross Carlton
Assistant

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APPROVED FEB 14, 1940



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